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HONGKONG, OCTOBER 7TH, 1893.

We learn that the question of the establishment of manufactory in the Colony has for some time past been engaging the attention of the Government. The most eligible sites for cotton mills and factories within the limits of the Colony and situated on Crown land are the following:—Causeway Bay, Reclamation, 900,000 square feet; Shaukiwan, west of and village, foreseen to be reclaimed 144,000 square feet; Aberdeen, Little Hongkong Valley, for shore to be reclaimed, 720,000 square feet. Sites are available in Kowloon Peninsula, on the eastern coast north of Hungshon and on the south coast west of Hungshon, but as regards these it is rather doubtful if a sufficient supply of water other than sea water (which might be condensed) could be obtained for large industry. The leasehold of all Crown land is sold at public auction and is put up at a minimum premium and fixed annual rent, but we believe if offers were made for any of these properties they might be dealt with specially. The growth of manufacturing industries at Shanghai has been encouraged by the facility with which the necessary and could be obtained and the easy terms on which it is held, whereas in Hongkong the contrary conditions have prevailed and the establishment of manufactory has been thereby retarded. With the extensive reclamations that have been carried out at Kennedy-town, the Causeway Bay reclamation, and the Praia reclamation now proceeding, it will naturally be thought that the time is inopportune for entering on additional works of reclamations at Aberdeen and Shaukiwan. The land reclaimed to the following is the list of entries for the Shanghai Autumn Race Meeting as compared with those of the previous year:—

No. of Ponies.
The Criterion Stakes 12 15
The Derby Cup 13 15
The St. Leger 28 28
The Sh. Ghai Challenge 19 15
The Eclipse Stakes 21 21
The St. Leger 21 21
The Club Cup 12 15
The Whangpoo Stakes 10 10
The Northern Cup 20 15
The Racing Stakes 14 15
The China Cup 14 13
The Autumn Cup 12 21
The St. Leger 18 21
The Llana Mian Stakes 9 8
The Shanghai Jockey Challenge Cup 20 1—
The Grand Stakes 20 20
The Flyway Plate 16 20
The Hick Stakes 16 20
The Part-Mutual Cup 22 21
The St. Leger 18 20
The Manchu Stakes 23 24
The Consolation Cup 23 24
The St. Leger 14 14

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play the Colony well to let the land go for a mere song, a nominal premium and nominal annual rental, for a fairly long term of years, say fifty or seventy-five, the rent to be subject to revision at the end of that term. Justice to succeeding generations demands attention to the latter point, for although it may be a good policy to allow land to be used practically free of payment at present it would not be right to forego all future claim to rent when the land may possibly have become exceedingly valuable. No one would hesitate to build on land held on a seventy-five years' lease, and if such leases were offered by the Government on easy terms in respect of the land at Causeway Bay (the stipulation as to the erection of buildings on each lot being strictly insisted upon), it would be rather surprising if there was not some competition for it, even in the present tight state of the money market. To avoid any appearance, or any possibility, of favoritism, it would be necessary to put the land up to auction in the usual way except that it should be an auction without reserve and with a high upper price. The land has so long idle and there appears to be little likelihood of any demand for it springing up while there is a heavy premium to be paid for its occupation that it would be good policy to encourage its utilization by the means suggested. The leases might be drawn in such a form as to favour industrial rather than residential occupation, for there appears to be no particular demand in the locality for residential buildings, while it is certainly desirable that industrial enterprise should be promoted.

The silk or C. P. Astor Express of India arrived at New York on the 5th inst. and left again at midnight for Hongkong and Shanghai. The O. O. Astor Oceanic, which left home on the 5th September for San Francisco via Nagasaki, Kobe, Iwabu, Sase, Yokohama, and Nagasaki arrived at her destination on the 4th instant.

We have made arrangements to be supplied with a weekly letter from home headed "Sport and Society" written by an authority and published in a leading newspaper, a running column upon every species of news of interest. The letter received by the French mail will be found on our fifth page to-day.

The Tokyo News Agency reports the receipt of the Japanese Emperor's circular, which owing to the distress resulting from the depreciation of the Yen, some five or six hundred thousand (sic) unemployed laborers and artisans have assembled in Washington and are besieging the Houses of Congress praying that immediate measures be taken to relieve their distress.

With the view of inspecting the economic and commercial conditions in India and America, where, in consequence of the instable state of the media of exchange, great fluctuations are taking place in the markets for products, the Bank of India and the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce have engaged to dispatch two of their engineers to each of the above countries. To India Messrs. Hamida, Ichibiki and Yushi Ichibiki, tea-masters of the Bank and to America Messrs. Nagasaki Goyoku and Watanabe Ichibiki, of the Bank. It is understood that these gentlemen will start on their tour about the middle of October.

The Hayao Hotel property has, it is reported, been sold to a syndicate for \$46,000, or a little more than one fourth of the price at which the Company was floated, namely, \$165,000. The syndicate, the Japan Gazette say, will hold the property until such time as they can sell it for a profit of 100 per cent. The Hayao's mortgage is asserted to be close on \$30,000, and it will go land with the lawyers if they cannot absorb the remainder. In the later issue of the Gazette than that in which the above remarks appear there is a telegram from Hayao stating that the sale had not been concluded.

The steamer *Hanji*, which arrived on Thursday evening, had a pretty severe experience of the recent typhoons. She was at the western entrance of the Indian Straits when overtaken by a typhoon of the 20th of September, and the steamer listed so heavily in the night of the 30th. The seas were very high, but fortunately the vessel was able to keep off the leeward, and she weathered the storm without sustaining any damage. She put into Hainan and encountered the second typhoon there on the 3rd and 4th. The barometric readings were very high, sometimes not being above 28, but the seas were very high, and the *Hanji* weathered the second furious gale without mishap. She left on the 4th for Hongkong, arriving as above stated.

An enquiry was commanded yesterday afternoon at the Magistracy by Commander W. C. Hastings, into the circumstances attending a fire which occurred on the 30th ult. at No. 14, Bond Street, Canton. The house was occupied by a dealer in birds' nests, Mr. Lam Fai Ting, but at the time of the outbreak the master of the establishment was not in Hongkong. The fire brigade were summoned about 5 a.m. and, on reaching the spot found the first fire enveloped in flames. Before the fire was well alight, the two floors were completely burnt and the roof fell in. The contents were insured for \$7,500 in Hamburg and Bremen Fire Insurance Co. (agent, Messrs. Carlowitz and Co.) The enquiry was adjourned until Monday.

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